GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS RESERVES BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has drawn up a master plan for the exploration of gas reserves in the country;

(b): if so, the names of the States in which the exploration is proposed to be carried out under the said plan; and

(c): the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has formulated its X 5 year Plan proposals keeping in view the priorities laid dowr in `India Hydrocarbon Vision 2025`.

(b): During the X Plan period, ONGC envisages to explore hydrocarbons in its onland acreages covering the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan Tamilnadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal as also acreages in these and other States awarded to ONGC under future rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) and Coal Bed Methane(CBM) Policy.

(c): The funds allocated for exploration of hydrocarbons by ONGC in the X Plan are about Rs. 8,721 crore, out of which a sum of about Rs. 71 crore has been provided for Coal Bed Methane (CBM) exploration.